Ernakulam? It is stated that a letter posted in Chittur takes as much time for delivery here as a letter posted in Madras.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Here, so far as Chittur is concerned, the method of taking letters is through bus. It is considered undesirable to allow buses to travel during night. Hence the delay.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Before the advent of the present Superintendent letters were carried by buses. A letter posted under the old system reaches Ernakulam in a shorter time than the present system. This is the reorganisation that the present superintendent has effected. The new system has made matters worse.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar *(Trichur North).*—Can I take that the minimum time that will elapse after one posts a letter at Chittur and its arrival at Ernakulam will be 18 hours?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—No.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar *(Trichur North).*—What is the minimum time? Suppose it is posted before the clearance time, when will it reach Ernakulam?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—18 hours.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar *(Trichur North).*—What is the time taken by the post office?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Probably the same time, if not more.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon *(Ernakulam South).*—I think it is better to resort to the old system as far as Chittur is concerned. Will they consider the desirability of reviving to the old system?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

Godown at Mattancheri for storing Coir Goods—Starting of.

29. **Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen** *(Kattur).*—Will the Government be pleased to state when they would start the proposed Godown at Mattancheri for storing Coir Goods?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The matter is under consideration of Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly inform the House when this proposal for a godown was announced by the Government in this House?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—During the last session.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—May I know what progress the Government have effected?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—A report has been received very recently from the Director of Industries and Commerce with reference to the organisation of a company to deal with this matter and in that report he has suggested the starting of a central depot in Mattancherry. This is being examined by the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—The Government have already decided to open a godown so that the consideration is only with regard to the opening date.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—With reference to the feasibility of the proposal, the Director suggests to have a godown paying 100 to 150 rupees rent and an annual expenditure of Rs. 5000 is required for running the scheme. Government are considering the various proposals including the renting of a godown.

Nominations to the Legislative Council.

30. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the communities that were given nomination to the Legislative Council inclusive of the fourth Council;

(b) whether the Government have any rule regarding nominations?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) 1. Valan.
2. Anglo-Indian
3. Nayar (lady)
4. Pulaya
5. Ezhuva (lady)

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